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THIS WORK  
IS DONE IN LOVING MEMORY  
OF MY FATHER  
PHILIP PFEIFFER

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## P R E F A C E

Daniel Webster said: "It is wise for us to recur to the history of our Ancestors. Those who do not look upon themselves as a link, connecting the past with the future, do not perform their duty to the world."

One of the many questions asked by almost every one is: "How far back can you go?" Only from the landing in America has been given. However, Mrs. Charles H. Smith of Jenera, Ohio, has furnished the following German data for her Grandparents.

Birth Records, March 20, 1800 and December 25, 1800.

He was son of Johann Georg Pfeiffer and wife Katherina (Wolff) Pfeiffer.

She was daughter of Georg Pfeiffer and wife Margaretha Maagsamen. Her sponsor was Katherina, the wife of Johann Adam Bietsch.

The Passport was to Johann Peter Pfeiffer, wife, and children (two boys) from Bremen, Germany, to Baltimore, North America. Dated June 2nd, 1831.

The three children of Johann Georg Pfeiffer and his second wife (Pauline Bell) were Anna Barbara, Margaretha Anna, and George Pfeiffer. Anna B. was married to Bartholomew Bietsch in Germany. Her little daughter, Catherine, was two years old on the voyage to America. Margaretha A. and George were both single. In their party also came John Philip Nicklas, who was married to Margaretha A. Pfeiffer in America.

The Passport of Margaretha A. Pfeiffer and John Philip Nicklas is dated July 14, 1831. Minnie M. Huber of Gridley, Ill., has it.

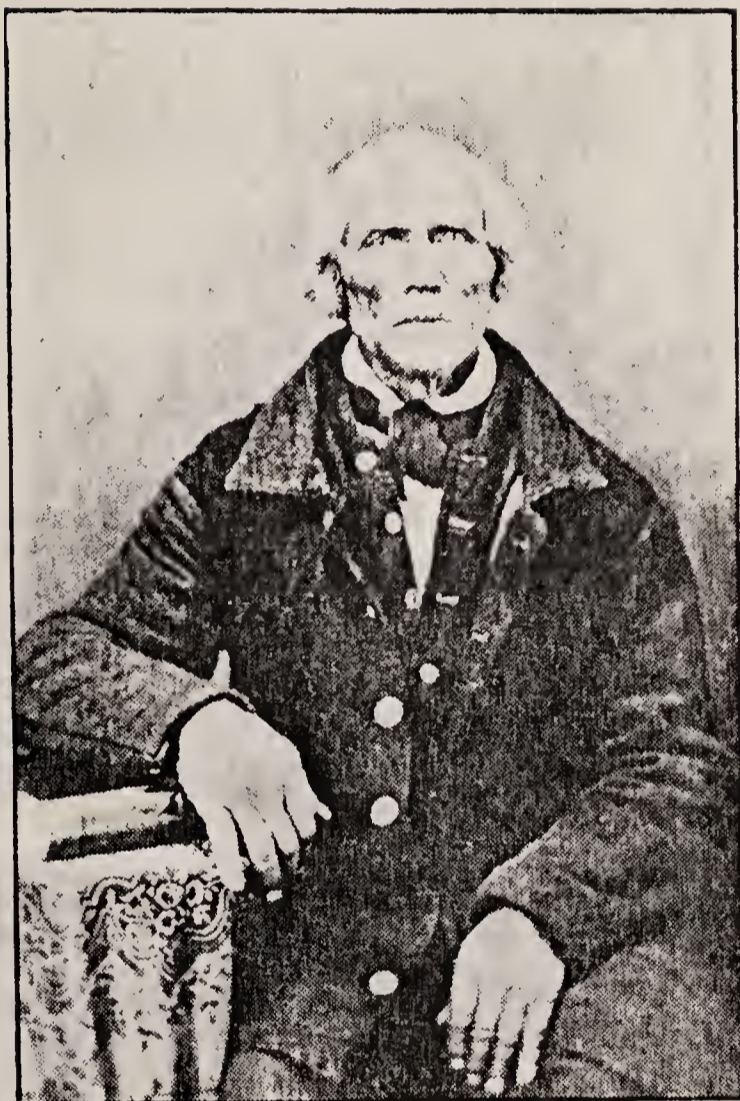
George Pfeiffer wrote the following account: "Our German home was in Erlanbach, Groshertzuchdon, Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany. From Erlanbach, we started on July 7th, and rode in wagons for seven days to Hanover, Mendon, then another seven days by boat to Bremen. In Bremen, we staid twelve days, then two days more on a schooner to Bremen Harbor. We left there on August 5th, in a sailing vessel, and after 82 days on the ocean, landed in Baltimore, America, on October 25th, 1831." The descendants of Mrs. Bietsch and Mrs. Nicklas also have some old German papers, pictures, and books. It is told that the father of Peter, George, Anna Barbara, and Margaretha, had married for the third time, before they came to America.

With the aid of the genealogy list which follows, any member of this large kinfolks can add to and make for themselves as much of a family record as they may desire.

I am truly grateful to all who helped to gather data for this work.

MRS. MARGARET P. BROWN.





PETER PFEIFFER





MRS. PETER PFEIFFER





## PETER AND WIFE

### CHAPTER I

**P**ETER PFEIFFER and family came *first*, of the four Pfeiffer lines in America.

Peter was son of Johann Georg Pfeiffer by his first marriage. Born March 20, 1800, in Erlenbach, Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany. He died in Ohio in 1883. His marriage to Katherina Pfeiffer (distantly related) took place in Germany, and two sons were born there. It is believed that this family arrived in America about September 18th, 1831, having landed in Baltimore, Maryland, after 90 days of ocean voyage. He and others in the same party, went to Ohio, the then Frontier, where they bought adjoining lands from the Government. The Original Deed and other papers are now in possession of Mrs. Chas. H. Smith who lives on that Pioneer Homestead. It is one-half mile south of Jenera, Ohio.

After establishing this home in America, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Pfeiffer had five more sons born to them. Children were Jacob and Philip born in Germany. Peter, George, Henry, Adam and Simon born in Ohio. Sometime between 1850 and 1863, the English spelling of Pifer, instead of Pfeiffer, was adopted by this father and his sons, and is used entirely by all of them ever since.

When Peter's half-brother, George and two half-sisters followed him from Germany they landed in Baltimore, Maryland, on October 25, 1831, after 82 days of ocean travel. It is known that George went later on to Ohio to see his half-brother Peter and walked from Ohio to Illinois in 1835.

Peter Pfeiffer (Pifer) and all his seven sons are dead.



*Jacob*, first son of Peter, was born in Germany, and died in Ohio. He married Anna Marie Goetsinger (pro Getsinger). Their children were, Catherine, Philip, Peter, Kate, Mary, Henry, Lydia, Elizabeth. Catherine died young. Philip Pifer, son of Jacob, married Lucy Shane. Children were Adrian S, Howard, Verna E. Adrian S. Pifer married Leota Elzay. Only one child living, Helen M. Pifer. Address, Bluffton, Ohio. Howard Pifer is dead. Verna E. Pifer married Ami G. Pifer. Two children, Frances, and Amanda. Address, Bluffton, Ohio. Peter Pifer, son of Jacob, married Catherine Gehron. Only one living child, Raymond Pifer, who married Bertha Bormouth. No children. Address, Jenera, Ohio. Kate Pifer, daughter of Jacob, the son of Peter, married John Von Gunten. Children are, Orlando, Tillman, Clara, Linda, Alvin, Waldo (dead). Orlando Von Gunten married Ellen M. Phillips. No children. Address, Chicago, Ill. Tillman Von Gunten married Sadie Haight. Children are Collins V. and Herrick. Address, Chicago, Ill. Clara Von Gunten married Clarence McManus. Children are Mazie and Margery, living, and Clarence and Malcolm (dead). Address, Conneaut, Ohio. Linda Von Gunten married Raymond Stephens. Children are Wendall, Herbert, Janet, Wilma. Address, Elmira, N. Y. Alvin Von Gunten married Esther Ehle. Children are Lloyd and Elroy Von Gunten. Address, Bay Village, Ohio. (Suburb of Cleveland). Mary Pifer daughter of Jacob, the son of Peter. She married Adam Zeigenfusz. Children, one daughter, Lydia. Lydia Zeigenfusz married Benjamin Backey. Children are Theodore, and Emanuel. Theodore Backey, married Alice Hopsin. No children. Emanuel Backey is single. Address, Jenera, Ohio. Henry Pifer son of Jacob, the son of Peter. He married Sarah Redick. No children. Address, Jenera, Ohio. Lydia Pifer daughter of Jacob, the son of Peter. She married William Bosse. Children are Freeman, Rosa, Solomon, William, Marvin Bosse. Freeman Bosse married Ruth Kaiser. Children are Ollan, Earl, Harold, Philip Bosse. Address, Ada, Ohio. Rosa Bosse is single. Solomon Bosse married Pauline Criblez. Two children, Martha and Eldon Bosse. Address, Ada, Ohio. William and Marvin Bosse are single. Address, near Ada, Ohio. Elizabeth Pifer, youngest child of Jacob, the son of Peter, married William Heldman. No children. Address, Arlington, Ohio.

The second son of Peter Pfeiffer was *Philip P. Pfeiffer*, born in Germany. He married Lavina Thomas. Children were Simon and Solomon. They lived and died near Bangor, Michigan. Simon Pifer married Cora Walmer. Children are Adrian and Norman. Adrian Pifer is single. Norman Pifer married Florence DeGroot. No children. Address, Bangor, Mich. Solomon Pifer married Olive Gregory. One child, Olney. Address, Raton, New Mexico.

The third son of Peter was *Peter Pfeiffer, Jr.*, who was a lawyer. He married Miss Mina Smith. No children. Both are dead.



*George* Pifer was the fourth son of Peter. He married Eliza Zehrbach. Children were Eliza, Milton, Ami G. Eliza Pifer married Noah Basinger. One child, Adrian. Address, Bluffton, Ohio. Adrian Basinger married Glenna Mumma. Children are Leo and Alice Basinger. Address, Toledo, Ohio. Milton Pifer married Mary Basinger. Children are Edgar, Marion, Marguerite, Evelyn Pifer. Address Rawson, Ohio. Edgar Pifer married Ruth Palmer. One child, Joan Pifer. He is Principal of High School in Mt. Cory, Ohio. Marion Pifer married Mary Jergen of Marion, Indiana. No children. Ami G. son of George, married Verna Pifer. Two children. Frances, and Amanda Pifer. Address, Ada, Ohio.

*Henry* Pifer was fifth son of Peter. He died very young.

*Adam* Pifer was the sixth son of Peter. He married Miss Margaret Wahl. Children were Marion Adam, who died at the age of 27 years. Emma and Franklin W. Pifer. Emma Pifer married Charles H. Smith. Children are Theodore, Byron, Woodrow, and Hugo Smith. Little Charles Franklin died at the age of five years. This family live on the original home land of Peter, the Pioneer, one-half mile south of Jenera, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Smith made a short but delightful visit to Peoria in 1933, when driving to the Century of Progress Fair held in Chicago, Illinois. Franklin W. Pifer married Hazel Pfeiffer. Children are Genevieve and Robert Pifer. Address, Detroit, Michigan. Hazel Pfeiffer is from Ft. Wayne, Ind., and not related.

*Simon* Pifer was the youngest son of Peter. He married Sarah Solt. Children were Sanderson H. (Sandy), Mary, Florence, James, William, Ella, Ora Pifer. Sanderson H. Pifer married Tina Shontelmyer. No children. Address, Rawson, Ohio. Many thanks are due him for the help he gave in completing the list of kinfolks. Mary Pifer married Warren Williams. Children are Porter and Percy. Address, Monroe, Washington. Florence Pifer married Henry Mueller. (Both dead). Children are Morris A. and Gilbert J. Mueller. Morris A. Mueller married Margaret E. Robertson, Oct. 8, 1929. No children. Address, Chicago, Ill. Gilbert J. Mueller married Cornelia Florence Pullen, Aug. 21, 1929. No children. Mr. Mueller is a lawyer, living in Denver, Colorado. James Pifer son of Simon, the son of Peter, married May Williams. Children are Cloyd (or Claude) and Bernald. Address, Washington, Kansas. William Pifer, son of Simon, married Minnie Vincent. One son, Simon Pifer. Address, Washington, Kansas. Ella Pifer, daughter of Simon, married Benjamin Holt. Children are Thornton, Harold, Evelyn, Clarence, Walter, Leonard, Benjamin, Velma, Kenneth and Betty Lou Holt. Address, Lone Jack, Missouri. (Near Kansas City, Mo.) Ora Pifer, daughter of Simon, married Samuel Hamilton. One son, Timothy Hamilton. Address, Barnes, Kansas.

This completes the Peter Pifer line, as near as the desired information could be secured, in time for printing.—M.P.B.





MR. *and* MRS. GEORGE PFEIFFER





## GEORGE AND WIFE

### CHAPTER II

**G**EOERGE PFEIFFER was born in Erlenbach, Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, Jan. 11, 1813, and landed in America, on October 25, 1831. He died in Peoria, Ill. May 12, 1904, at the age of 91 years. His wife was Anna Mary Haller who was born in Germany, Jan. 21, 1821, and who came to America in 1834. She died October 27, 1881. To them came the pioneer family of children, of whom three died in infancy. Those living were Philip, Catherine, John, George Jr., Rose, William and Mary (Mame) Pfeiffer. Only the last named is still living.

Philip Pfeiffer born in 1838, died in 1906. He married Sarah M. Harker in 1862. She was born Jan. 12, 1843, and died in 1926. Children were Mary Ruth, Margaret Bell, Lincoln Grant, Addie J., Emma Jane, Philip Sheridan, Charlotte Lavina and John Willis Pfeiffer. Ruth, Addie and Grant died young. Margaret B. married Dr. James L. Brown. Their one child was James L. Brown, second. Mrs. Margaret Pfeiffer Brown lives in Peoria. Dr. J. L. Brown died in 1918. James L. Brown, second, married Ruth Louise Drysdale. One child, James L. Brown, third. Address, Peoria, Ill. Mrs. Ruth Drysdale Brown died in Peoria, April 30, 1924. Emma J. Pfeiffer married George H. Oechsle. No children. He died in 1922. Charlotte L. Pfeiffer, single. The two sisters live together in Peoria. Philip S. Pfeiffer, single, died in 1929. John W. Pfeiffer married Marcella Reiley. No children. He died in 1924.

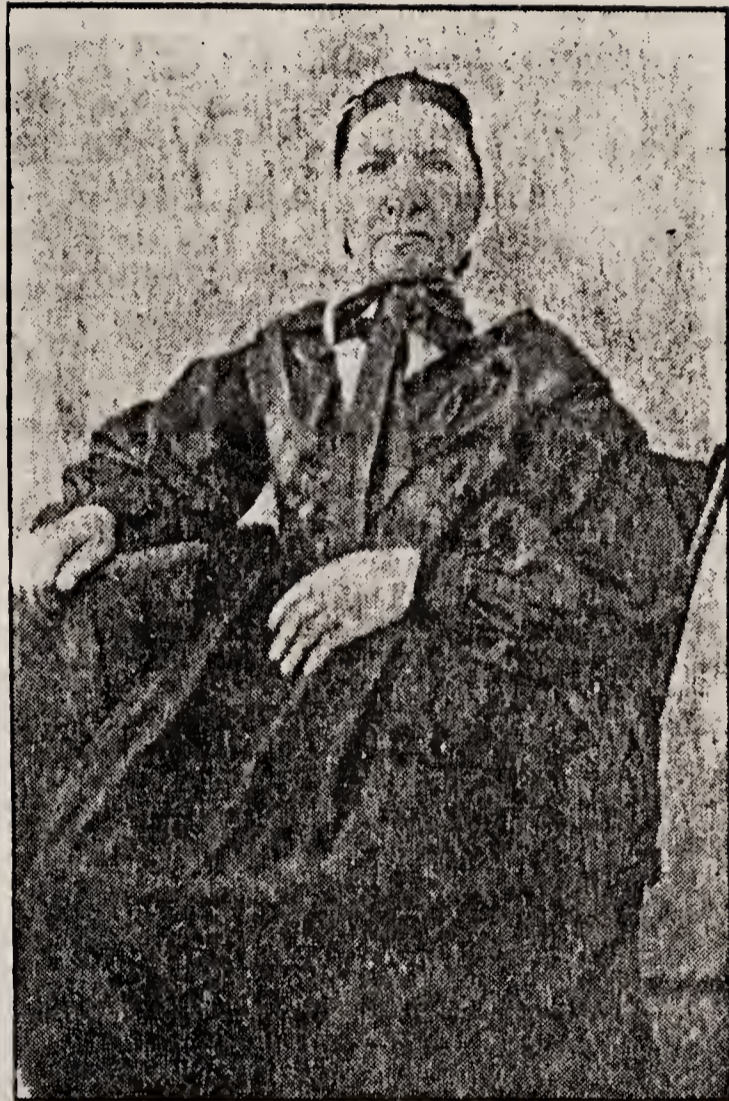
Catherine Pfeiffer died single in 1918.

John Pfeiffer born Aug. 22, 1842. Died May 3, 1932. Almost 90 years of age. He was married in 1868 to Achsah S. Nevius, who died in 1901. Children were Nelson, who died young, Mary Etta and George Wilbert Pfeiffer. They are single, and live in Fairview, Ill.

George Pfeiffer, Jr., born in 1844, and died in 1914. On Nov. 14, 1865, he married Margaret A. Harker, who was born in 1845, and died in 1895. Their children were Anna Mary, who died young, Charles, Sarah Margaret (Sallie) and Caroline (Tatta). Charles Pfeiffer married Minnie Aldenbrand. No children. He died in 1922, in Detroit, Mich. Sarah M. (Sallie) married Edwin Moschel. One child, Margaret M. Margaret M. Moschel married Edward L. Shoemaker. One child, Marshall L. Shoemaker. Address, San Diego, Calif. Caroline Pfeiffer (Tatta) married first, Frederick Dunn. Second, Jack Gardner. Her third marriage was to C. B. Marshall. She had no children, and is a widow living in San Diego, California.

George Pfeiffer, Jr., married for his second wife, Sedonia Beaumont of Chicago, in 1898. One son, George Beaumont was born in Detroit, Mich. in 1900. George Beaumont Pfeiffer married first, Agnus Marcus. One child, Jack Beaumont Pfeiffer. His second marriage was to Mrs. Mary Threw Gale. No children. Address, Peoria, Ill. Rose Pfeiffer, single, died in May 1931. William Pfeiffer, single, died in Feb. 1926. Mary (Mame) Pfeiffer, single, is living in the family home in Peoria, Ill.





MRS. ANNA BARBARA PFEIFFER BIETSCH



CHAPTER III

**M**ISS ANNA BARBARA PFEIFFER born in Germany August 7, 1807. She was married, very young, in Germany, to Bartholomew Bietsch. Lost her first two children there. Came to America, October 25, 1831, and died in Peoria, Illinois, September 4th, 1887. The living children were Catherine (who was 2 years old on the ocean), Margaretha, Barbara, Mary, Adam, Elizabeth, Louisa, George, Caroline. She was left a widow early, through the accidental death of her husband, and reared her large family. For this Pioneer Mother, it was found that she had more than 250 descendants at the close of her one hundred years in America. Also, that eight of her sixth generation are recorded. This is quite remarkable for 100 years. The descendants of Mrs. Anna Barbara (Pfeiffer) Bietsch (Beach).

Catherine Beach born Sept. 9, 1829 in Germany. Died in Peoria, Ill., April 1, 1910. She married John Hirsch, who died Jan. 11, 1906. Children were John, Peter, Elizabeth, Caroline, Catherine, Anna Hirsch. John Hirsch, single, died at age of 22 years. Peter Hirsch married Nettie Arnholt. One child, Arthur E. Hirsch, who married Clara Wyss. No children. Address, Peoria, Ill. Peter Hirsch is in a Government Home for the Blind, in Chicago, Ill. Elizabeth Hirsch married William McFarland. Children are Samuel J. and Bessie Lovey McFarland. Samuel J. McFarland married Pearl Smith. Children are Avalon Maxine, Bernadine Pearl, Marjorie Elizabeth, Winogene Lovey, and Samuel J. McFarland. Avalon M. McFarland married Wilson Smith, on February 17, 1934. Bessie L. McFarland is single. This family lives in East Peoria, Ill. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Smith was the last bit of data obtained for this book. Caroline Hirsch married Robert V. Righter. She died Jan. 11th, 1933. The children are John A., and William H. John A. Righter married Miss Bernice Schmidt. One child, John Jr. (Jack). Address, Peoria, Ill. William H. Righter married Agnes Jacobsmeyer. Children are Ann Elizabeth, and Robert V. Righter. Address, St. Louis, Mo.

Catherine Hirsch married Henry Lindig. One child, Robert C. Lindig. Robert C. Lindig married Sarah Samuelson. One son, Robert H. Lindig. All live in Peoria, Ill.

Anna Hirsch married Charles Baldwin. She died Dec. 20, 1918. Children were Walter E., Herbert F., Chester W. Walter and Herbert died single. Chester W. Baldwin married Margaret Lindig. Children are Barbara, Charles, Ruth Baldwin. Address, Peoria, Ill.



Margaretha (Margaret) Bietsch, born April 21, 1833 in Huntington Co., Pennsylvania. Later moved with her parents to Spring Bay, Woodford Co., Illinois. She married Christopher Friedrich Hefft in Peoria, on Nov. 30, 1857, and died on Easter Sunday in April, 1917, Pekin, Ill. Mr. C. F. Hefft died Oct. 21, 1914. Of their large family of children, all are dead except Mary and Christopher H. Mary Hefft married P. W. Bauman. Two sons are Roy and Richard Bauman. Mrs. Hefft-Bauman is now Mrs. Michael Hurst. No children. Address, Pekin, Ill. Roy Bauman married Henrietta Stone. No children. Richard Bauman married Margaret Colvin. One son, Richard, Jr. Address, Pekin, Ill. Christopher H. Hefft married Louisa M. Schumaker. She died March 19, 1933. No children. Address, Pekin, Ill.

The third daughter of Anna Barbara Pfeiffer Bietsch was Anna Barbara Beach born Oct. 16, 1834. She married Joseph Pfeffinger. Her death occurred October 21, 1907. They had three living children, John, Christian, and Louisa Pfeffinger. John Pfeffinger, born Nov. 27, 1855. He married Paulina A. Huber, and died in Chenoa, Ill., on May 16, 1933. Their children were Ida L., John Joseph, Albert C., Mina A., Walter F. Pfeffinger.

Ida L. Pfeffinger married Frank McKinley, who died Feb. 16, 1933. Address, El Paso, Ill. Their children are Etta M., Frank R., Theodore, Lorene, Ida M., George, and Ethel McKinley. Etta M. McKinley married John Block. Their children are Mina L., Mildred M., and Wilbur L. Block. Address, Cornell, Ill. Frank R. McKinley married Lura Schrader. One son, Harold F. McKinley. Address, Gridley, Ill. Theodore R. McKinley. Married Ethel Whisman. One son, Gene McKinley. Address, Gridley, Ill. These children, Lorene, Ida M., George and Ethel McKinley, live with their mother in El Paso, Ill.

John Joseph Pfeffinger married Fara Martin. Children are Ray A., Carl F., and Ivan J. Pfeffinger. Address, Gridley, Ill. Ray A. Pfeffinger married Vera Gurley. One child, Ronald Ray Pfeffinger. Address, Gridley, Ill.

Albert C., Mina A., Walter F., children of John Pfeffinger, are single. Address, Chenoa, Ill.

Christian Pfeffinger, son of Anna Barbara Bietsch (Beach) Pfeffinger, married Mary Bauman. Their children are Louisa, Mary, John, Anna, Emma, Clara, and Viola Pfeffinger. Louisa Pfeffinger married Fred Mollet. Children are Fred and LaVerne Mollet. Address, Payne, Ohio. Mary Pfeffinger married Andrew Husseman. Children are Viola, Edward, Robert and Herbert Husseman. Address, Gridley, Ill. John Pfeffinger married Enna Rosseberry. Children are Gladys, Harold, Alvin, Helen, Alice Mae, and Raymond Pfeffinger. Address, Gridley, Ill. Anna Pfeffinger married James Husseman. She died July 27, 1933. Children are Leslie and Kenneth Husseman. Address, Flanagan, Ill. Emma Pfeffinger married Charles Klein. Children are Charles Jr., Russell, Mary, Dorothy and Earl Klein. Address, Gridley, Ill. Clara Pfeffinger, single, living with her father. Address, Gridley, Ill. Viola Pfeffinger married Darwin Freed. Children are William and Howard Freed. Address, Fairbury, Ill.





Louisa Pfeffinger, daughter of Anna Barbara Bietsch (Beach) Pfeffinger. Louisa married George Schramm. Their children were Mary, Edward, Frank, Alice and Harry Schramm. Mary Schramm married William Ackerman. Children are Elva, Alice and Anna May Ackerman. Address, Oakwood, Ohio. Edward Schramm married Mabelle Ross. He is dead, but left a son, Elmer Schramm. Address, Chenoa, Ill. Frank Schramm married Irene Andrews. Children, are Clifford, Olive, Thomas, James, Joseph, Ray and Evelyn Schramm. Olive Schramm married James Howe. No children. Address, Ocean Park, California. Alice Schramm, daughter of Louise, married Clarence Drury. Children are Eugene and Kenneth Drury. Address, Pekin, Ill. Eugene Drury married Eva Smith. One child, Charlotte Joan Drury. Address, Detroit, Michigan. Kenneth Drury married Dorothy Riewald. No children. Address, Pekin, Ill. Harry Schramm son of Louise, married Ora Wisner. Children are Dorothy Fern, Marjorie Marie, Max, Rex, and Robert Schramm. Address, Gridley, Ill.

The fourth daughter of Anna Barbara Pfeiffer Bietsch (Beach) was Mary Beach born May 9th, 1838. She married Jacob Balbach in 1856, and died April 10, 1914. Mr. Balbach died in 1902. Of their large family of children only four are living. Children were August, Anna, Peter, Adam, Jacob, Paul, George, Katherine E., Mary L., Alice May Balbach. August Balbach married Louise Miller. One child, Alice M. Alice May Balbach married William Gentes. Children are Clifford, Victor, Bernice Gentes. Clifford Gentes married Mildred Nagel. One child, Margaret May Gentes, she is of the sixth generation. Victor Gentes married Bernadine Brinkman. No children. Bernice Gentes is single. All the Gentes family live near Chenoa, Ill. Anna M. Balbach married Lawrence Klein. Children were Myrtle and Verna Klein. Myrtle Klein died single. Verna G. Klein married George D. Scott. Children are Maxine and Thomas Scott. Address, Chicago, Ill. Peter Balbach is dead. Adam Balbach married Ora Piper. One child, Blanche P. Blanche P. Balbach married Clarence L. Dexter. One child, Eleanor. Eleanor Dexter married Donald Smith. Address, Chicago, Ill. Jacob Balbach married Mary Maroney. Children are Nyle and Anna. Nyle Balbach married Gertrude Cory. Children are Stanley B., and Doris Ann Balbach. Address, Chenoa, Ill. Anna Balbach married A. Vance Dorman. Children are Richard, Theodore, Patricia Jean Dorman. Address, Chenoa, Ill. Richard Dorman married Alberta Kaufman of Gridley, Sept. 3, 1933. Paul Balbach married Emily Brooks. No children. He is dead. George Balbach married Ida Woerner. Has a son, George, Jr.. Address, Chenoa, Ill. George, Jr., is Dr. George Balbach, a dentist, living in Waukegan, Ill. He married Martha Shoemaker. They have a son, George Charles Balbach. Katherine E. Balbach married Dr. B. F. Elfrink, a physician. Children are Dorothy and Kathryn Elfrink. Address, Chenoa, Ill. These sisters are teachers, and Miss Dorothy went abroad in the summer of 1933. Mary L. Balbach married Benjamin Van Dolah. One son, DeLoss. Address, Houston, Texas. DeLoss Van Dolah married Patricia Addamson. Two girls, Betty May and Patricia Van Dolah. Living in Buenos Aires, Argentine, South America. Alice May Balbach died single.



The son of Anna Barbara Pfeiffer Bietsch was Adam Bietsch (Beech) born near Spring Bay, Woodford Co., Illinois, in 1840, and died near Walnut, Crawford Co., Kansas. He married Elizabeth Klein of near Washington, Ill. Some years later he removed to a farm near Walnut, Kansas, where both are buried. Children were Catherine Matilda, George H., Philip, Adam F., Elizabeth M., Sarah M., John W. Beech. Only Sarah and John were born in Kansas.

Catherine M. Beech married Franklin B. Griggs. Children are Dulcie L., Louise Leslie, Albert R., Ruby E., Enid Belle, Inez M., Evelyn B. Griggs. Dulcie L. Griggs married Elmer Thomas. One child, Kenneth Thomas. Address, Omaha, Neb. Louis L. Griggs married Florence Taylor. She is dead. Children are Earnest, Lois, Inez Griggs. Address, Parsons, Kansas. Albert R. Griggs (widower). No children. Address, Kansas City, Mo. Ruby E. Griggs married Archie dePass. No children. Address, Kingston, Island of Jamaica. Enid Belle Griggs, single. Nurse. Address, New York City. Inez M. Griggs married James Camp. No children. Address, Port Arthur, Texas. Evelyn B. Griggs married George Livingston. One child, Clifford Livingston. Address, Kansas City, Mo.

George H. Beech (son of Adam) married Rose Squires. Children are Edna Mary, James Ernest, Elsie Marie, Elizabeth Murle, George Edmund, Anna Maude, Vera Lucille Beech. Address, St. Paul, Kansas, Route 1. Edna M. Beech married Herbert Madl. Children are Robert Eugene, Regena Marie, Francis Albin, George Herbert Madl. Address, St. Paul, Kansas. James E. Beech married Pearl Chard. One child, James Wallace Beech. Address, Edna, Kansas. Elsie M. Beech married Raymond Little. Children are Edward Eugene, Mary Elizabeth Little. Address, Walnut, Kansas. Elizabeth M. Beech married Rolla Eggen. Children are John Wayne, and Kenneth Lee Eggen. Address, Walnut, Kansas. George E. Beech married Ruth N. Smith. Children are George Wayne, and Paul Alfred Beech. Address, St. Paul, Kansas. Anna Maude and Vera Lucille Beech are single, at home. Address, St. Paul, Kansas.

Philip Beech, son of Adam, married Julia Adaline Couron. One child, Winifred Beech. Address, Redfield, South Dakota. Adam F. Beech, son of Adam, married Zelia Dunivant. Children are John Raymond, Adam Lester, Esther Mina, Wanda Leone Beech. Address, Parsons, Kansas. John R. Beech married Louise Jones. One child, Collene Yvonne Beech. Address, Parsons, Kansas. Adam L. Beech married Gladys Swan. One child, Thelma Louise Beech. Address, Galesburg, Kansas. Esther M. Beech married Leonard Lewis. Children are Ellen Nadine, and Norma Lee Lewis. Address, Galesburg, Kansas. Wanda Leone Beech at home, Parsons, Kansas.

Elizabeth M. Beech, daughter of Adam, married Paul Lewis. One son Paul Leslie Lewis. Address, Kansas City, Mo.

Sarah M. Beech, daughter of Adam, married Charles Kendall. Children are Viola May, Guy Edward, Phyllis Elizabeth, Orville Ray, Wilbur Eugene, Erma Lourene, Velma Irene, Doris Nadine Kendall. Address, Parsons, Kansas. Viola May Kendall married Otis McMurray. Children are Reed, Ellis K., Eliza Ruth McMurray. Address, Springfield, Mo. Guy Edward Kendall married Dessie Granaway. Children are Rex Edward, and Joanne Kendall. Address, Parsons, Kansas. Phyllis E. Kendall married Oscar L. Williams. One child, Mary Louise Williams. Address, Parsons, Kansas. Orville Ray, Wilbur E., Erma L., Velma Irene, Doris N. Kendall, are at home, Parsons, Kansas.

John W. Bietsch (youngest child of Adam) is single. Address, Fulton, Mo.



The fifth daughter of Anna Barbara Pfeiffer Bietsch (Beach) was Elizabeth Beach born July 17, 1842. She married Peter Junker, and died March 29, 1898. Their children were Henry P., Catherine, Elizabeth, Margaret, Mary (Marie), Caroline, Peter, and Wilhelmina (Minnie) Junker. Henry P. Junker married Mary Place. Children are Ralph P., and Adelaide. Ralph P. Junker married Margaret Crawford. Children are Richard P. and Beatrice Jane Junker. Address, Milwaukee, Wis. Adelaide Junker married Ross O'Herron. No children. Lives in New Jersey. Catherine Junker is dead. Elizabeth Junker married Henry Eitenmiller and lives in Peoria, Illinois. Children are Albert, Warren, Henry, Leslie, Oliver, Elizabeth, and Margaret Eitenmiller. Albert Eitenmiller married Margaret Jones. No children. Warren Eitenmiller married Emma Becker. No children. Henry Eitenmiller married Leona Kerr. One child, Laura Joe Eitenmiller. Leslie Eitenmiller married Earnestine Schreck. One child, Richard Eitenmiller. His second marriage was to Henrietta Smith. No children. Oliver Eitenmiller married Rose Werth. No children. Elizabeth Eitenmiller married Eugene Yocum. One child, William Yocum. Margaret Eitenmiller married Kenneth Smith. No children. (They all live in Peoria). Margaret Junker is single. Lives in Peoria, Ill. Mary (Marie) Junker married William H. Soldwedel. One son Lewis M. Soldwedel. Address, Peoria, Ill. Lewis M. Soldwedel married Irene Vanlaningham. One son, Eugene Lewis Soldwedel. Address, Peoria, Ill. Caroline Junker married Joseph Naffziger. Children are Helen J., and Paul J. Naffziger. Miss Helen Junker Naffziger was married Oct. 20, 1933, to Harold D. Morgan. Address, Peoria, Ill. Paul J. Naffziger is single. Mrs. Caroline J. Naffziger was married to Mr. Merritt B. Palmer and has no children by second marriage. Address, Peoria, Ill. Wilhelmina (Minnie) Junker, married John Zumwalt. One son, James. They live near Emden, Ill.

The sixth daughter of Anna Barbara Pfeiffer Bietsch (Beach) was Louisa Beach born near Spring Bay, Woodford Co., Illinois. Born May 4, 1844, and died Feb. 9, 1920. By her first husband, Jacob Kreis, she had a daughter Elizabeth, who is single, and afterwards called Marriott. Elizabeth was born after her father's death, during the Civil War. By her second marriage to Benjamin J. Marriott in November, 1865, they had these children: Charles H., George W., Alice M., John F., and Mary Marriott. Charles H. Marriott born Dec. 1, 1868, married Sarah Ellen Zook on Oct. 2, 1895. Two daughters, Elverta and Leola Mae Marriott. Elverta Marriott born Jan. 16, 1897. Married Dr. Christian F. Engelhardt, Nov. 21, 1923. No children. Leola Mae Marriott born Dec. 4, 1905, is single. The sisters are both school teachers. Address, Chenoa, Ill. George W. Marriott born March 4, 1890. He married Katherine Woerner, Jan. 22, 1903. She died on Feb. 9, 1907. One child, John Woerner Marriott, born August 25, 1905. John W. is single. Address, Chenoa, Ill. Alice M. Marriott born May 31, 1872. She married William Weishaupt Dec. 9, 1891, in Chenoa, Ill. They have only a foster-daughter, Mary Weishaupt, born April 23, 1898. Mary Weishaupt married Frank Statler, July 3, 1918. Children are Alice Louise born April 19, 1919. Ruth Marguerite born Dec. 14, 1921. Lyle Sidney born Aug. 14, 1925. Doris Mae born May 26, 1931. Most sincere thanks are here given to Mrs. Alice M. Weishaupt, for the many letters received from her, assisting me in securing data for this large kinship. John F. Marriott born June 16, 1875. He is single. Address, Chenoa, Ill. Mary Marriott born August 7, 1877, died Jan. 8, 1899. She was single.



A son of Anna Barbara (Pfeiffer) Bietsch (Beach) was George Beach. He was born near Spring Bay, Woodford Co., Illinois, in 1846 and died on April 15, 1887. His first marriage was to Miss Catherine Geib. Their children were Adam, George, Jr., August C., Catherine and Marie Beach. His first wife died while these children were young. By his second marriage, he left no children. Adam Beach married Clara Dancaster. Their children are Marie, Elmer H., Mabel, Viola, Hazel, Leroy, Doris E., John O., Fred O., Irene Ruth Beach. This family lives in Bradley, Illinois, a suburb of Kankakee, Ill. Marie Beach married Perle Evelsizer. Children are Betty and Jean E. Evelsizer. Address, Kankakee, Ill. Mabel Beach married Forest Erickson. No children. Address, Chicago, Ill. Viola Beach married Arthur Neubauer. No children. Address, Bradley, Ill. Hazel Beach married Edgar Montey. No children. Address, Detroit, Michigan. Leroy Beach married Laurette Atkins on Aug. 5, 1933. Five children are single, living at home in Bradley, Illinois. George Beach, Jr., son of George, married Miss Flora Mears. No children. Address, Chenoa, Ill. August C. Beach, son of George, married Miss Lida Ranger. Children are Gladys, William L., and Pearl Beach. Address, Peoria, Ill. Gladys Beach married Carl Beck. Children are Lucille, and Beverly June Beck. Address, Peoria, Ill. William L. Beach married Lillian Gummerson. They have Barbara Joan Beach. Address, Peoria, Ill. Pearl Beach, single, at home. Catherine Beach, daughter of George, married Samuel Williams. Children are Marie J., Marion Louise, Donald Eugene. Marie J. is Mrs. H. C. Cowger. No children. Marion and Donald, at home. Marie Beach, daughter of George, married Mr. Raymond Pense. No children. Address, Marquette, Wisconsin.

The youngest daughter of Anna Barbara Pfeiffer Bietsch was Caroline Beach born June 7, 1851. She married Jacob A. Moschel, Feb. 4, 1875. He died August 25, 1922. Mrs. Caroline Beach Moschel is the only living member of the second generation of her line, at the time this work is done, 1934. Children were Jacob A., Jr., Caroline Bertha, John, Edward, Sarah, Harold Moschel. Jacob A. Moschel married Miss Mattie B. Boyd. Address, Chenoa, Ill. Their children are Helen and Thelma Moschel. Helen Moschel married Cecil A. Brown. No children. Address, Chenoa, Ill. Thelma Moschel married George A. Brown. No children. Address, Lincoln, Ill. Caroline Moschel married Ira Zook. No children. Address, Pontiac, Ill. Bertha Moschel married Elmer I. Bull. She died June 22, 1911. One child Dwight Moschel Bull has lived with his Grandmother, Mrs. Moschel in Chenoa, Ill. Dwight M. Bull is teaching at present time, in an Indian School near Brookside, Montana. "Big Warm School." John Moschel died June 6, 1928. He was single. Edward Moschel is single, living with, and caring for his Mother, in Chenoa, Ill. Sarah Moschel married Luman W. Shotwell. Children are John Roger, and Phyllis Marie Shotwell. Address, Harlem, Montana. Harold Moschel died Jan. 26, 1905. He was single.







MRS. MARGARETHA ANNA PFEIFFER NICKLAS



CHAPTER IV

**M**ARGARETHA ANNA PFEIFFER born in Germany July 24, 1810. Came to America October 25, 1831. Died in Illinois December 8, 1886. She married John Philip Nicklas, a member of the same party to America. He was born in Germany May 5, 1801, and died in Illinois October 29, 1875. (It is pleasant to relate that the two sisters, Mrs. Bietsch and Mrs. Nicklas, lived for some years on adjoining farms, in log houses, near the pioneer village of Spring Bay, Woodford Co., on the Illinois River.) Of their seven children, two died young, George and Catherine. The living children were, Barbara, Margaretha, Anna, Elizabeth, Mary.

Barbara Nicklas married Philip Fuchz. No children. Lived in Kansas.

Margaretha Nicklas married William Lutz. One living child, Elizabeth. They lived in Secor, Ill. Elizabeth Lutz married Daniel Martin. Children are Harry, Ethel, Alta, Clair, Eleanor Martin. Address, Mendota, Ill. Harry Martin married Bernice Wells. No children. Address, Oregon, Ill. Ethel Martin married Henry Menz. Children are Arthur Melvin, Harry Clair, Margaret Menz. Address, Aurora, Ill. Alta Martin married John Voight. One child, Katherine June. Address, Beloit, Wis., Clair and Eleanor Martin, single at home.

Anna Nicklas married Fred Beck. Children are Fred, Jr., Mary, and Elizabeth. Address, Secor, Ill. Fred Beck, Jr., married Alice Viebrock. Children are Anna, and Johanna Beck. Address, Secor, Ill. Mary Beck and Elizabeth Beck are single. Address, Secor, Ill.

Elizabeth Nicklas married F. A. Cook. They had ten children, of whom only three are now living. Elizabeth, Ella, and Charles Cook. Their son, Paul Cook left descendants. Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Cook died in Clarinda, Iowa. Elizabeth Cook married George Raymond. Children are Paul, and Rosella. Address, Chicago, Ill. Paul Raymond married Edna L. Searl. One child, Edith Ramona Raymond. Address, Mitchell, S. Dakota. Rosella Raymond married Benjamin McKrittick. Children are Kenneth, Eugene, Irwin. Address, Chicago, Ill. Ella Cook married Claude Moore. Their children are Kenneth, Avis, Violet Moore. Address, North Bend, Oregon. Charles Cook married Ada Heath. No children. Address, Caldwell, Idaho. Paul Cook married Eva Kraut. Children are Raymond, Virgil, Harold and Carroll (twins), Bessie, Opha Cook. Paul Cook is dead, and wife remarried. Address, Portland, Oregon. Raymond Cook married Eva Waugh. Children are Helen Mae, Raymond, Jr., Guy, Leonard, Eugene Ellsworth, Wilson Dean Cook. Address, Council Bluffs, Iowa. Virgil Cook married Minnie Barrelli. One child, William Virgil Cook. Address, Portland, Oregon. Harold Cook married Mollie Wacker. Two children, Harold, Jr., and Gerald Cook. Address, Portland, Oregon. Carroll Cook married Eva Snyder. Children are Carol, and Geraldine Cook. Address, Portland, Oregon. Elizabeth (Bessie) Cook married Benjamin Fitzpatrick. One child, Barbara Jean Fitzpatrick. Address, Portland, Oregon. Opha Cook married Denzel Herrick. No children. Address, Portland, Oregon.



Mary Nicklas, youngest child of Margaretha (Pfeiffer) Nicklas, was the last one to die. She married John Huber, who died June 3rd, 1933. She died at the age of 57 years, on March 21, 1911. Both buried in Waldo Cemetery near Gridley, Ill. Their children are John A., Anton, William F., Minnie M., Joseph C. Huber. John A. Huber married Etta Martin. Children are Harry, Mary, John W., Ila, Anna, Kenneth, Fara Huber. They live near LaCrosse, Kansas. Mary Huber married George O'Brien, May 26, 1933. Ila Huber married Harney Quiring, Feb. 1, 1933. Anton Huber, single. Address, LaCrosse, Kansas. William F. Huber married Bertie Overmeyer. Children are Dale F., Earl C., Marilyn Jean Huber. Address, Pontiac, Illinois. Minnie M., and Joseph C. Huber both single. Address, Gridley, Ill.

The old saying "Twins occur in each one hundred years" proved true in the descendants of Mrs. Margaretha Pfeiffer Nicklas. Only one pair of twins are given—Harold and Carroll Cook—among the many relatives listed.

The sixth generation children are also given special mention. They are Mina, Mildred, Wilbur Block, Charlotte Joan Drury, Ronald Ray Pfeffinger, Harold McKinley, Gene McKinley, all of Pfeffinger line; and Margaret May Gentes of Balbach line. These children are 6th generation descendants of Mrs. Anna Barbara (Pfeiffer) Bietsch (Beach).

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## IN CONCLUSION

**A**T THE third Memorial Meeting held on Sunday, Sept. 10, 1933, an estimate of living descendants by generations was given. It may not have been exactly correct—but it served to show how many members there were living at the close of the First One Hundred Years in America.

### GENERATIONS

FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FOURTH	FIFTH	SIXTH
PETER PFEIFFER (PIFER)					
0	0	20	52	25	0
GEORGE PFEIFFER					
0	1	8	3	2	0
MRS. ANNA BARBARA PFEIFFER-BIETSCH (BEACH)					
0	1	39	97	113	8
MRS. MARGARETHA ANNA PFEIFFER-NICKLAS					
0	0	9	31	20	0

More than four hundred living members, from the original four who came to America in 1831.

The grave of Peter Pfeiffer (Pifer) is in St. Trinity Cemetery, near Jenera, Ohio.

George Pfeiffer in Springdale Cemetery, Peoria, Illinois.

Mrs. Anna Barbara Pfeiffer Bietsch (Beach), in Springdale Cemetery, Peoria, Illinois.

Mrs. Margaretha Anna Pfeiffer Nicklas in Waldo Cemetery, near Gridley, Illinois.





## FIRST MEMORIAL MEETING

### PFEIFFER — BIETSCH (BEACH) — NICKLAS FAMILIES

THIS Meeting was held on the original date of their arrival on American soil. (The exact date was October 25, 1831.) The One-hundredth Anniversary Meeting was held in the home of Mrs. Caroline Beach Moschel, in Chenoa, Illinois, on Sunday, October 25, 1931. Only a small attendance that day, but it included members of the three families. The afternoon passed very quickly, with looking at old time family pictures, and with much pleasant conversation.

Those present at the first meeting:

Mrs. Caroline Moschel	Miss Minnie Huber
Mr. and Mrs. Ira Zook	Mr. Joseph Huber
Mrs. Alice Weishaupt	Mr. James L. Brown
Mr. John Pfeffinger	Mrs. Margaret P. Brown
Mrs. B. F. Elfrink	Mrs. Emma P. Oechsle
Miss Kathryn B. Elfrink	Miss Lottie L. Pfeiffer

The account of the meeting was kept by Miss Lottie L. Pfeiffer, Peoria, Illinois.

## SECOND ANNUAL MEETING

### PFEIFFER — BIETSCH — NICKLAS FAMILIES

THE second annual meeting was held in the home of Mrs. Margaret P. Brown, Peoria, Illinois, on Sunday, October 23, 1932. All three branches were represented. A brief report of the first meeting was read. This was followed by a short sketch of the preparations made by the two sisters and brother in Germany, before embarking on the long journey by sailing vessel to the American shore. They set sail from Bremen Harbor on August 5, 1831, and landed in Baltimore, Maryland, on October 25, 1831, 82 days on the ocean.

Those present at Second Meeting:

Miss Minnie Huber	Mr. Joseph Huber
Mrs. Emma P. Oechsle	Mrs. Margaret P. Brown
James L. Brown	James L. Brown, Jr.
Mrs. Caroline Moschel	Mr. Jacob Moschel
Mrs. Henry Lindig	Mrs. R. V. Righter
Mrs. Alice Weishaupt	Miss Pearl Bietsch
Mr. August C. Bietsch	Mrs. August C. Bietsch
Mrs. Catherine Williams	Marion Louise Williams
Donald Eugene Williams	Mrs. Mary Soldwedel
Mr. and Mrs. Merritt B. Palmer	Lewis M. Soldwedel
Miss Margaret Junker	Mrs. Henry Eitenmiller
Miss Lillian Gummerson	Mrs. John Zumwalt
(visitor)	

After some discussion, it was decided to hold the next meeting on Sunday, September 10, 1933, in Metamora Park, a more central meeting place. A Committee to act was appointed. Mrs. Henry Lindig, Mrs. Merritt Palmer, Mrs. Wm. Weishaupt, Mrs. Margaret P. Brown.

A social half-hour closed the meeting. This account was kept by Mrs. Margaret P. Brown, Peoria, Ill.



## THIRD ANNUAL MEETING

### PFEIFFER — BEACH — NICKLAS FAMILIES

ON SUNDAY, September 10, 1933, a meeting was held in the Park at Metamora, Ill., of the descendants of George Pfeiffer and his sisters, Anna Barbara Pfeiffer Bietsch (Beach) and Margaretha A. Pfeiffer Nicklas.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Margaret P. Brown.

A letter from Mrs. Chas. H. Smith, of Jenera, Ohio, was read, telling that she was a grandchild of Peter Pfeiffer, (a half brother of George, Anna and Margaretha) and living on the original land of her grandfather, located one-half mile south of Jenera, Ohio. The descendants of Peter Pfeiffer have a Reunion each year, and have an Association formed to carry it on.

It was decided to form such an Association for the three lines, George Pfeiffer and his sisters, Anna B. Beach, and Margaretha A. Nicklas.

Mrs. Caroline (Beach) Moschel of Chenoa, Ill., was made Honorary President for life.

President—Mrs. Kate Hirsch Lindig, Peoria, Ill.

Secretary-Treasurer—Charlotte L. Pfeiffer, Peoria, Ill.

The following were present at the meeting:

Mrs. Caroline B. Moschel, Chenoa, Ill.  
Mr. and Mrs. Jacob A. Moschel, Chenoa, Ill.  
Mr. and Mrs. Cecil A. Brown, Chenoa, Ill.  
Dwight M. Bull, Chenoa, Ill.  
Dr. and Mrs. B. F. Elfrink, Chenoa, Ill.  
Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Balbach, Chenoa, Ill.  
Mr. Christian H. Hefft, Pekin, Ill.  
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hurst, Pekin, Ill.  
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bauman, Pekin, Ill.  
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bauman, Pekin, Ill.  
Richard Bauman, Jr., Pekin, Ill.  
Mr. and Mrs. Ira Zook, Pontiac, Ill.  
Mr. and Mrs. John A. Righter, Peoria, Ill.  
Jack Righter, Peoria, Ill.  
Mr. Robert V. Righter, Peoria, Ill.  
Minnie M. Huber, Gridley, Ill.  
Joseph C. Huber, Gridley, Ill.  
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. F. Huber, Pontiac, Ill.  
Dale, Earl and Marilyn Jean Huber, Pontiac, Ill.  
Mrs. Henry Lindig, Peoria, Ill.  
Mrs. M. P. Brown, Peoria, Ill.  
Mrs. Emma P. Oechsle, Peoria, Ill.  
Charlotte L. Pfeiffer, Peoria, Ill.

Considerable discussion as to the best form for printing the family lists, which had been gathered by Mrs. Margaret P. Brown of Peoria, Ill., used up a large part of the afternoon.

The next meeting will be held in the Park in Metamora, Ill., on Sept. 9, 1934 (second Sunday in September) when the new books will be presented.

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn. This account was kept by Charlotte L. Pfeiffer, Acting Secretary.















